Docket No. 240337US2DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shinii ICHIKAWA, et al. GAU: SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION EXAMINER: FILED: HEREWITH FOR: WRITE/READ HEAD SUPPORTING MECHANISM, AND WRITE/READ SYSTEM REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR. ■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/615,776, filed 07/13/00, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. \$119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: COUNTRY APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR Japan 10-341129 November 13, 1998 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/615,776 filed July 13, 2000 were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith uill be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND.

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